

The Trinity Window

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Pastor's Corner

July 2018

*"I lift my eyes to the hills-
From where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2*

The hills, the beach, the river... wherever. Wherever you are refreshed, renewed, restored and reminded that God is good and God has created this wonderful world and wonderful life that we may be whole and live in God's love. Summer may seem like a down time here at the church. So many of our programs run September to May. In the summer worship attendance is, ahem, *down*. We could (many pastors do) get frustrated with summer. We convince ourselves that summer is unimportant and just has to be endured. But, the truth is just as the earth has seasons, so too do our lives and our years. We need to be refreshed, renewed, restored and reminded that God is good. Enjoy your summer!

Blessings,

Planning our Fall Offerings

It may be July, but we are already looking towards fall! Our Education Committee has been discussing what we need to offer this fall in terms of classes – but we want to hear from YOU!

Would you like to take –

Disciple I – a bible study which reviews the entire bible (24 weeks)

Disciple II – a study of Genesis and Exodus, then Luke and Acts (24 weeks)

A class on the basic tenants of the Christian faith, "Christianity 101"

A class on Finances – budgeting, ways to eliminate debt, etc.

Woman's Bible Study (6 weeks)

Study on the Gospel of Mark (4 weeks)

Or _____ ?

Please let Judy Oguich know of your interest at joguich@trinityumc.net! Some of these are already in the planning stages – but we want to hear from you to make sure we offer what you want!

Consultation Information Meeting

Sunday, July 1
12:15 PM
Trinity Hall

Join us after worship on Sunday, July 1 for an update on our consultation with The Unstuck Group. A presentation will be made covering what has happened, what is happening, and what we think will happen. We anticipate that this meeting should last approximately one hour. Come, be a part and be informed about what is happening at Trinity.

Save The Date!

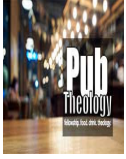
The Way Forward
Issues Facing the United Methodist Church
Tuesday, August 7
6:30 PM
Trinity Hall

Next February, in 2019 there will be a special General Conference (global church level) to address issues regarding LGBT inclusion, ordination and same-sex marriage. The controversy surrounding these issues risks schism in our denomination. The situation and issues are complex. In order to provide information and context Trinity will be holding an Information meeting on Tuesday, August 7 at 6:30 PM in Trinity Hall. Pastor Larry will be making the presentation. This will not be a brief gathering; we're going to make an evening of it. Therefore, we are asking everyone to bring a dessert to share so that we can take a break. This will be an excellent opportunity to hear what is happening, have some of the mystery of ecclesiastical idiosyncrasy explained, be informed (and share some dessert that will make it all worthwhile.)



Coffee with the Pastors

Are you new to Trinity? On the first Sunday of every month, Pastors Larry and Drew will be hanging out in the parlor for coffee, questions, and holy conversation with new folks. Follow signs to the parlor at 12:15 PM on **July 1**.



Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, July 10** from **6:30-8:00 PM** at **Ardent Brewery** in Scott's Addition (3200 W. Leigh St. Richmond, VA 23230). Trinity's ministers will hold forth and field questions. What a great opportunity to invite your unchurched friends!



Journey Group Leaders to Meet

Our JourneyGroup leaders will meet **Saturday, July 7, 9:30 – 11 AM** in the Mastin Room. We hope each group will be represented as we share ideas, events and information about Trinity. Refreshments will be provided.

Gathering at Gayton Terrace

Join us on **Tuesday, July 24, at 3:00 PM** as we visit our members and guest residing at Gayton Terrace. We gather in the Theater to enjoy fellowship, refreshments, music and worship. Please note time and location change. Contact Susie Hildebrand at shildebrand@verizon.net or 740-7490 to volunteer.

Summer Forum



Outreach Summer Forum

Location: Trinity Hall
Time: 9:30-10:30 AM

Guest speakers:

July 29 Ryan Ahlgrim, Pastor First Mennonite Church of Richmond, author of two books: [Not as the Scribes](#) and [Sick Religion or Healthy Faith?](#)

August 26 Steve Miller, United States Attorney, Eastern District Virginia

We hope you will join us.



Fresh Food Fest

When: **July 26 and August 16**
Where: Forest Avenue grounds of the church
Time: 5-7 PM

We are all too busy. Our calendars are packed. So, here is an opportunity to slow down. In collaboration with GROW RVA, come out on these Thursdays and treat yourself and your family to a farmers market, food trucks, and live music.

We know you have enjoyed the live music and food trucks in the past, and this year we are adding a farmers market. GROW RVA is the same organization that puts together the exciting South of the James Farmers Market. This summer, they are lending their skills in providing us a sampling of the farmers and food trucks who appear at South of the James.

If you have questions, contact Bryce Miller or Bill Pike.



Young at Heart

Wednesday, August 22
9:45 AM – 5:30 PM

We will travel to the Riverside Theater in Fredericksburg to see the matinee performance of "A Chorus Line". Cost is \$60, all inclusive (lunch, beverage, dessert, tax and gratuity). Registration will take place on Sundays in Connection Alley: July 22, July 29, and August 5.

All are welcome – Trinity members and friends of Trinity members!



Faith Night at the Diamond

Trinity will be going to the Faith and Family Night at the Diamond to see the Flying Squirrels on **Thursday, August 9**. Mark your calendars to join your fellow congregation members. Everyone that went last year had a great time. Gates open at 5:30 PM and the game starts at 6:35 PM. Ticket prices are \$8. Deadline to sign up is August 3! There will be fireworks after the game. Tickets will be picked up from Kim Tingler either in the church office or before the game.

To sign up go to <http://trinityumc.net/news/faith-night/>

Blood Drive

During these summer months let us think about our opportunity to give life-saving blood products. Did you know that liver transplants may require upward of 40 blood products, open-heart surgeries 20, and newborn open-heart surgeries require at least ten units? Your donation will help cancer patients, critically ill newborns, burn patients, accident victims, transplant patients and many more. Let's step up on **Sunday, July 8** from 8 AM -12:30 PM in Trinity Hall.

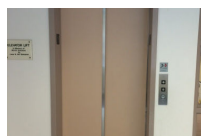
Instructions to Set an Appointment to Donate Blood at The Trinity UMC Blood Drive:

1. Go to <https://donateblood.vablood.org/> and enter your user id and password **or register**.
2. On the next page you'll see an area that says, "Schedule Your Appointment Today" with a calendar underneath. Select 7/7/18 to 7/8/18.
3. Scroll down in the box and find Trinity UMC.
4. Click Trinity UMC and click "Select."
5. On the next page chose the time you would like to donate.
6. Click "Confirm Appointment."



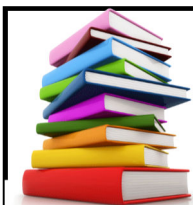
Trinity's Preschool and Parent's Morning Out

Do you know someone looking for a Parent's Morning Out program or Preschool program? Trinity Preschool has available places for children ages 1 through 5 for this coming school year. If you know of someone who is looking for a program for their child, please share this information with them! The Trinity Preschool phone number is 288-6058.



Elevator Update

The Trustees have signed an agreement to repair the Trinity Hall elevator. Unfortunately, this will not be a quick and easy repair. If everything works properly in the repair process, the goal is to have the elevator back on line by September 7, 2018. As the project progresses, the Trustees will communicate to the congregation any changes to that time line commitment. The Trustees apologize for the inconvenience this equipment failure has caused. We know that maneuvering around our building isn't an easy task. If you have questions about the project, please contact Bill Eubank, chair of the Trustees, or Bill Pike, Director of Operations.



Trinity's Youth Need Your Used Books and DVDs!

Trinity will once again be hosting a used book sale/DVD sale in conjunction with our Handmade Harvest Craft Festival

which will be held on **Saturday, October 20**. You can drop off any books/DVDs to the Mastin Room where we will be collecting these items beginning **July 1**.

100% of the proceeds from this book sale will benefit the Youth Ministry, so now it is the time to go through your collections and bring in items you are ready to donate! Questions? Contact Deanna McCullough (deannamccullough1@verizon.net), or Mary Neary (nearys4@verizon.net).



Flower Tributes

To have a tribute listed for someone in the Worship bulletin, please fill out a (pink) Flower Tribute form located in the Welcome Center (near the sofas). We have many available opportunities in 2018. Remember an anniversary, a birthday, or honor someone "just because." The cost for a tribute is \$50.



Trinity Foundation Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to the following Trinity students who were awarded a \$1500 scholarship through the Trinity Foundation Scholarship funds:

Maggie Blackmon (VA Tech) - Lee and Kitty Galaspie Fund

Meredith Given (JMU) - William McClure Fund

Turner Jordan (Roanoke College) - David and Betty Ekey Fund

Farai Madzudzo (ODU) - David and Betty Ekey Fund

Mary Katherine McCullough (UVA)- J. Stuart Graham Family Fund

Aidan Messick (VA Tech) - Lee and Kitty Galaspie Fund

Jack Neary (UVA) - Alysia Burton Basmajian Fund

Abby Oguich (Lynchburg College) - Alysia Burton Basmajian Fund

Gracie Smith (VA Tech) - Lee and Kitty Galaspie Fund

Noah Smith (Randolph Macon College) - David and Betty Ekey Fund

Godspeed to all of our students from your Trinity family!

DATES TO KNOW

- June 22-30
 - Mission Trip to Alabama
- July 1
 - Unstuck Information Meeting
- July 15-21
 - Mission Trip to Marion, VA
- July 22-26
 - Servant Leadership Youth Camp in RVA
- August 13-16
 - SWAG
- August 19
 - Youth Group Kickoff

Weekly Happenings

- Thursday Night Youth Group
- Summer Sunday School
9:30 AM Sunday Room 308

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Youth at Trinity

Mission Trip to Alabama

On Friday, June 22nd, a group of students and adults will head to Decatur, AL for a week of missions. While there, the team will take part in many different activities ranging from construction to community development. The team is very excited! Please pray for the transformation of our team and those that we encounter.

Luke Bitsko, Annabelle Glassman, Jackson Kennedy, Lucy McLaughlin, Harrison Monette, Claire Murphy, Quinn Murphy, Abby Oguich, Zach Smith, Grace Stocks, Russell Swartz, Nell Smith, Robin Young, Bryce Miller

June in Review

Graduate Sunday

On Sunday, June 10th, the church celebrated with those individuals who graduated from high school or college this year. Congrats to those who are taking the next steps into more education or into the world! The Trinity Foundation also awarded ten scholarships totaling \$11,500. These scholarships were awarded to Trinity students who excel in school, in church, and in their communities. Congratulations to the recipients of the 2018 Trinity Foundation Scholarships.

Thursday Night Youth Group

June 14 was the kickoff of our new time for youth group this summer. We gathered in Trinity Hall for an ice cream social and watched the fantastic film, Wonder. June 21st was our next meeting where we enjoyed the atmosphere at the Fresh Food Fest and battled it out in a cornhole tournament. Come join us every Thursday this summer, check your weekly email for more details and updates.



Christopher and Lucy hanging out at the Fresh Food Fest

Children At Trinity



Favorite Fruits “Sweet” 9:30 Summer Sunday School!

Come join the fun as the now famous “Grapefruit Garrett” leads kids in crazy fruit games, uplifting music and fantastic Bible stories!

God created a world full of yummy and healthy fruits that are sweet to eat. Kids will learn how to live and to be thankful for things God has blessed them with, and learn to serve and stay connected to God.

We know how busy Summer is, but please sign up when you can help with the small break-out groups at <http://bit.ly/FRUITsummersundayschool>. The simple prepared lesson can be emailed the Friday before and all supplies are provided in the rooms on Sunday morning.



Kids Can - Summer Days of Mission and Service Children (and parents) Called to Care

kids can!

We have set aside the dates below as days of mission and service for kids and parents interested in

making a difference. Mark your calendars, register and plan to join us to serve! We had a great time Mission Monday, June 18, playing Bingo at the Hermitage.

- * **We Share Wednesday - July 11- 9AM to 3 PM** – Sherbourne UMC Food Pantry first thing in the morning to deliver food collected at Trinity, plus other activities.
- * **True Giving Thursday - August 2 – 8:30 AM to 3 PM** – Shalom Farms first thing in the morning to stay cool, plus other activities.

All kids through 5th grade are welcome, however those that have just completed kindergarten or younger, must have an adult participate with them. If you are not able to do the whole day, please let me know and we will work something out.

To sign at <http://bit.ly/KIDSCAN> or contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net if interested.



Vacation Bible School

July 23 – 27,
9 AM – Noon

It is almost time! Have you registered yet?

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life’s storms. The activities help faith flow into real life. Kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life – something we call “God Sightings” We are looking for helpers! Register everyone today! www.myvbs.org/TrinityUMCRichmond.

***Do you have or do you know of someone who has an old wooden broken down row boat that we could use as a prop during VBS? Contact Leila ldenton@trinityumc.net**



Kindergarten through 5th Grade Children’s Sunday School for the Fall

The Children's Sunday School Focus Team was formed in early spring to take a look at a number of aspects of elementary children's Sunday School. They worked very hard and have made several great recommendations about Kindergarten through 5th grade 9:30 AM Sunday School that the Education Committee has accepted and is in the process for putting in place.

1. Each grade will have a team leader and a team that will commit for nine months to keep in communication with each other and coordinate teaching for that grade. **Most of the Team Leaders are in place and the teams are beginning to form, if interested contact, ldenton@trinityumc.net**
2. A different curriculum, Group's **BUZZ**, was the overwhelming choice for the new Sunday School year for kids. It is easy to follow for novices and has many hands-on activities to help engage students in learning more about the Bible. Curriculum will be ordered and available in August for Teacher Training events, which will be scheduled soon .

A Glimpse of our Honduras Partner Community, Santa Ana Ceguaca

Written by Joseph Thompson, team leader of Trinity's MMT

The day started like many others on a Friends of Barnabas trip, but today was more cool and clear since it had rained during the night. We travelled on our trusty white bus (aka "the Thomas") south along Lago de Yojoa, through the hilly mining region, up the Santa Barbara Mountain on the south side. We saw gorgeous views of the Montanas Verde and steep drop offs covered in coffee and plantain plants. As we pulled into the town of **Santa Ana Ceguaca**, all of the children were out on the school patio screaming a cacophony of greetings. Greeting us as we exited the bus, was the town mayor along with the proverbial welcoming committee - each person wore a handmade placard that said "Welcoming Committee" *en Español* - **Santa Ana Ceguaca** wanted to put their best foot forward and they delivered! As we established our Medical Mission Team stations, the welcoming committee was willing to jump in and take care of the little things that we need to make it all happen. They clearly took a lot of pride in their village, and their school was well prepared for us.

Our visit to the community was like many others and it is important to point out the good that we do and the health that we improve with each village. Our new pediatric refractor can help diagnose vision in children while they stare at a smiley face with some interesting blinking lights. This is important because children who cannot see clearly, cannot read, and thus are destined to a harder life despite their other talents. In the medical clinic, we treat cases that would require a trip to the city to get what in the US are basic medications. We bring basic vision & dental care right to the top of the mountain, help screen, and refer cases that must be treated at the hospital. In some of our villages that have been in the program longer, the FOBF dentist Adan remarked that he is seeing such good teeth that he will bring his portable drill on future trips and actually fill rather than pull teeth. Through it, all the smiles, happiness, and gratitude shown to us by people who live a simpler life creates envy in the most modern, technologically savvy Americans. More than that, we have a chance to serve God's special people in a uniquely rewarding experience.

One thing that made us take notice was the lighter skin and eyes of many villagers. The mayor had quite light skin and a ruddier complexion. As the day went on, we saw families with all blonde hair. Some had reddish hair and many had blue eyes. It turns out that this town was one of many in Santa Barbara region that were founded by Spanish religious refugees escaping the inquisition in Spain in the 1500s. Because of the power of the Catholic Church in Spain and Honduras, these refugees had a few pockets in the cities of Tegucigalpa and San Pedro Sula and in the Department of Santa Barbara, but generally moved to the mountains to distance themselves from the persecution of the Roman Catholic Church. What is interesting is that despite all the years, these lighter genetic traits are still seen in the children. Family is important to Latin Americans, and they have strong connections between relatives and they maintain a strong sense and knowledge of those connections. The nucleus of the town is made up of a few main families. Further, we found out that Oscar, one of our security guards was related to one of the three main families in the town. Family history is clearly valued among these people.

Later in the day, I was able to go with Lillian to visit two houses. One had a 50-year-old man who had suffered a stroke and was bedridden. This house was very basic, with a small indoor stove, an outdoor wood stove, and an outdoor washbasin. The walls were all gray cinder block and the tin roof had no ceiling. The bedroom was partitioned from the living room by blankets to create a cozy bedroom, which was dark in the middle of the day. Frankly, it smelled like a barn. The ceiling was a few tarps hung from the tin roof. Lillian and I prayed with the man for improved health and for his family. From there, we took a small path across town, past the church and school. At our next visit, three men were building another house and I was able to take pictures of the construction. I also was able to take pictures of the "*melito*" that they use to separate the coffee beans from the fruit. The bean goes in a bag to be transported to drying racks, which are like greenhouses with table height racks. They use the fruit in chicken pens - the chickens eat what is edible and the bugs that gather on the fermented fruit, and because the chickens spend so much time there, a rich fertilizer is created. Santa Barbara is an important coffee region worldwide where there is a preference for coffee grown at altitude, in the shade, and in the volcanic soil.

This is a unique community, and we are certain they were as excited about our visit as we were to meet our partner village. We parted with the knowledge of the many ways we can make a difference in the community of **Santa Ana Ceguaca**. For a pictorial glimpse of Santa Ana Ceguaca, stop by the bulletin board across from the church office.

Serve Opportunities

Sherbourne Food Pantry

- First Sunday of the month is our collection day. We currently collect 10-20 bags. Sherbourne needs us to improve.
- It is helpful in the transportation process if you double bag your groceries. Please no glass containers.
- Canned vegetables, fruits, soup, tuna fish, pasta, and peanut butter are consistently in need.
- Cereal is in high demand.
- Our donations are supplemented with fresh fruits and vegetables from Feed More. But, sometimes Feed More's shelves are depleted. When this happens, Trinity's donations are critical.

Shalom Farms

Get out those gardening gloves on **July 28** and plan to join Trinity members as we volunteer at Shalom Farms. This is a great opportunity for families to work together for a wonderful cause. We will leave Trinity at 8:30 and return by 12:30. For questions, more info, or to sign up, contact Teresa Given at tdagiven@gmail.com

Annual Mattaponi Healing Eagle Trip

Mark your calendars for the annual church-wide drive for the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic Day on **Saturday, July 14**. Bring your donations of over-the-counter (OTC) medicines & supplies to the Mission Central room on or before the deadline of collection on Friday, July 13. If you would like to make a monetary contribution, mail checks (check payable to MHEC) to Janet M. Sommerville, 6161 River Road #38, Richmond, Virginia 23226.

The Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic is moving to the Upper Mattaponi Reservation. The new location is at 13383 King William Road, King William, VA 23086. Several providers that volunteer their time to help at the Clinic will continue to help with the medical care of all Native Americans in Virginia and now also those in the North Carolina area at least once a month. The medical students (usually 3rd year students) will also continue to help at the Clinic all through the school year.

A copy of the updated wish list can be obtained in Connection Alley.

Old Cell Phones Needed

Please donate your old cell phones (*with chargers, without service contracts, and with personal information removed*) to the YWCA's Women's Advocacy Program to be given to survivors of abuse to call 911. Bring them to Missions Central, the room down the hall from the church office toward the sanctuary, and leave them in the designated receptacle there. This is a great way to recycle and could save someone's life!

(Anne Burch, 270-1661)

Volunteers Wanted!

Looking for a fun way to serve Trinity? Then we are looking for you! We are looking for drivers to drive Trinity members who are unable to drive themselves to and from service. You would be responsible for picking up from home, dropping off at church, and then driving back home. If you are already attending service, why not bring along a companion! If this is something you would like to do, it would mean the world to a member who has been unable to attend. Please email Allison Carver (acarver@gmail.com) to sign up or to ask any questions! Thank you.

Haiti Collegiate Mission Team

On July 6, a Team of Trinity Collegians will be leaving for Mission Trip to Haiti. The group will meet up with an UMVIM Medical Team with The Haiti Mission. Traveling to Cap Haitien, the team will operate a medical clinic in the village of Tovar at the Tovar Methodist Church. This clinic provides health care for some 60,000 rural poor in the north of the country. Some 2,500 patients are expected in the week.

Our team members will also be helping students with conversational English sessions at the Maranatha Orphanage in Grison-garde. They also plan to do some maintenance work at the Elder Village (sort of a retirement home) also in Grison-garde. Please hold the team members in your prayers during this intense week.

Team members:

Anne Marie Blackmon (Clemson, William & Mary... a few years ago)
 Maggie Blackmon, (Virginia Tech)
 Emily Case (Mississippi State)
 Larry Lenow (Trinity Univ., Duke... quite a few years ago)
 Brendan McWalters (Lynchburg College)
 Gracie Smith (Virginia Tech)
 Keely Wood (Univ. of Richmond)



Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of *Don Pierce* to *Trinity UMC Lenten Mission Offering*

In memory of *Don Pierce* to *Trinity Missions Friends of Barnabas*

In memory of *Janet Voorhis* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund*

In memory of *Janet Voorhis* to *Trinity Haiti Fund*

In memory of *Richard "Dick" McRoberts* to *Trinity Haiti Fund*

In memory of *Davis Bottom* to *Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund*



Joys and Concerns

New Members

Erica Axtell, Walker Bristow, Catherine Dodson, Sydney Duerson, Matthew Estes, Mackenzie Fellows, Sarah Ford, Adaline Glassman, Nora Lombardi, Allison McCullough, Lizzie McCullough, Nina McGinnis, Kaleigh McPhail, Catherine Mottley, Trenten Quinlan, Ellie Grace Robinson, Kate Sanne, Charles Saunders, Mason Shepherd, Caroline Verdery.

Baptism

Catherine Mottley

Our sympathies to...

*The family of Phoebe Mackey who died June 2
 Bana Caskey whose mother Dorothy Weems died May 30*

Our Stewardship

"We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness."

Our Presence:

Day	6/3	6/10	6/17	6/24
Worship Service	395	411	353	328
Sunday School	229	227	188	120

Our Gifts as of May 31:

Projected income to date: \$ 1,494,525.00
 Actual income year to date: \$ 1,503,922.65
 Excess (-shortfall) \$ 9,397.65

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, July 16 at 4 PM for events taking place in August.** Articles may be submitted prior to the deadline, and we encourage early submissions. Articles must be submitted in writing with the contact person's name to Kim Tingler, ktingler@trinityumc.net.